

# WELCOME TO BEDFORD HEIGHTS PACKET

I have had the great honor of being Mayor of this wonderful city since January of 2008. I would like to welcome you to our community and let you know that I am completely accessible to all residents and look forward to meeting you and getting to know you as neighbors and friends. I strongly encourage you to take the time to drive around and see all that Bedford Heights has to offer.

This packet contains information about our community, council members, staff, city ordinances and school system that will enable you to make a smooth transition to your new community.



Fletcher D. Berger  
Mayor/Safety Director

Inside you will find information regarding our building department and some of the policies and ordinances that must be adhered to for the benefit and safety of all residents. There is also our city directory, a listing of our council members, their wards and a listing of the streets within their ward. If you have school-age children that are or will be attending the Bedford City School District, we have provided a listing of each school's principal, the superintendent of the district and elected board members.

Allow me to share with you a little about myself and how I came to be the Mayor of this community. I was raised in Columbus, Ohio where I attended elementary school through college. I served in the U.S. Army including a tour in Viet-Nam after which I returned home to Columbus. I married Melva Smoot of Columbus. I worked for American Standard and Rockwell International in Columbus in the computer field. I was offered employment by Ohio Bell, which required relocation.

I subsequently relocated my family to Bedford Heights and was able to retire 23 years later from Ohio Bell/Ameritech. While employed at Ameritech I was involved in Bedford Heights community politics, which led to my 1996 election as Ward 3 Councilman. I was elected as Council-at-Large in 2001, and served a total of ten years as a Councilman. During that period, I served on the Council Finance Committee for a number of years. In November of 2007, I was elected Mayor of Bedford Heights (*the city's first African-American mayor*). I was re-elected on November 8, 2011. My wife Melva, daughter Stacy and I are members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. I am also a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason.

Our plans for the community in 2013 include:

- Water line replacement and roadway revitalization of Perkins Road
- Creating a shared dispatch system between Bedford Heights, Bedford and Maple Heights that will be more efficient and reduce costs
- Selling of the hotel property located at 24801 Rockside Road
- Completion in the fall of 2013 of Mother Teresa Manor; a 44-unit, two-story building set on 3.3 acres of land and located at the corners of Columbus and Kimberly Roads

Once again, welcome to Bedford Heights and if there is anything that I can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me (440-786-3211).

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## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department is in charge of implementing and enforcing the local and state Building and Housing Codes. This department is also responsible for establishing the standards necessary to maintain a safe and sanitary dwelling. They approve all permits, signs, proposals and construction projects. Because Bedford Heights is a progressive city it is important for the Building Department to be involved in the Planning Commission, Zoning Board and Architectural Board of Review.

To accomplish the goals set by the Building Official, the Building Department conducts citywide inspections of all residential, commercial and industrial properties. The most valuable asset of any city is its dwellings. The Bedford Heights Building Department appreciates the cooperation and support of all its citizens.

### Codified Ordinance, Chapter 1333, Section 1333.03

Contractors engaged in Building or Allied trades within the city boundaries, must be registered. This includes:

Carpentry	Refrigeration Air Conditioning
Cement and Asphalt	Roofing
Electrical	Sewer Building
Exterior Painting	Side Applicator
General Building Contractor	Sign Installer
Heating and Air Conditioning	Structural Steel
Landscaping	Swimming Pool
Masonry	Tile Installer
Piping	Water Proofing
Plumbing and Heating	

**All contractors and sub-contractors must be registered and bonded before obtaining a permit. After work is completed, please call the Building Department to set up an inspection.**

Registration is issued for the calendar year, starting January 1<sup>st</sup> or any date thereafter during the year and expired December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

If you would like a current list of all registered contractors please contact the Building Department

The Building Department accepts credit card payments in person for any fees collected in the Building Department. These include building permits, contractor registration, point of sale inspections for commercial and residential, occupancy permits, garage sales, apartment inspection fees, Planning, Zoning and Architecture Board of Review fees, etc.

**Hours of Operation**  
**Open for Business – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Closed for Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Closed for Business – 4:30 p.m.**

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## BEDFORD HEIGHTS CITY HALL DIRECTORY

### Mayor's Office

Fletcher D. Berger	Mayor	440-786-3211
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### Building Department

Rick LoConti	Building Official	440-786-3237
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### City Engineer

Don Bierut	City Engineer	440-439-1999
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### Clerk of Council Office

Pat Stahl	Clerk of Council	440-786-3220
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### Community Life Department

Ruth Gray	Director of Community Life	440-786-3292
Bill Starkey	Senior Citizen Coordinator	440-786-3208
	Front Desk	440-786-3290

### Economic/Community Development

Marty Divito	Economic Development Director	440-786-3240
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### Finance Department

Ted Gordon	Finance Director	440-786-3223
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### Fire Department

Ken Ledford	Fire Chief	440-786-3251
Tom Spape	Assistant Fire Chief	440-786-3250
Dispatch		440-786-3232

### Housing Department

Cheryl Dillingham	Housing Coordinator	440-786-3244
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### Law Department

Ross Cirincione	Law Director	440-786-3213
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### Police Department

Michael Marotta	Chief of Police	440-786-3259
Dave Leonardi	Assistant Police Chief	440-786-3259
Detectives Reed and Payne	Detective Division	440-786-3266(65)
Kathy Leggett	Clerk of Courts	440-786-3280

### Public Service Department

Nick Baucio	Service Department Director	440-232-8832
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### Water Reclamation Department

Dave Pocaro	Water Reclamation Director	440-439-5343
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Community Tip Line	(Strictly Anonymous)	440-786-3287
Drug Tip Line	(Strictly Anonymous)	440-735-6595

City Hall Community Room Rental		440-786-3214/3215
Dog Warden (Call Police Department Non-Emergency Line)		440-786-3222

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The mission of the Bedford Heights Community Center is to provide a refuge for residents and guests from the rigors of the daily grind. We want you to expose you to a positive, energetic, recreational experience like no other. Each time you step through the doors of our center, we want to greet you warmly and assist you in whatever experience you would like to take part in on that particular occasion. We hope that each time you visit will be like the first time: fresh, exciting, regenerative, informative, relaxing, and a sheer joy. Please visit our webpage regularly

(<http://www.bedfordheights.gov/community-life/whats-happening>) to keep abreast of the events and activities taking place at the Bedford Heights Community Center.

A membership pass is required to participate in city sponsored activities, programs and events held in the community center with the following exceptions: fee-based activities, special events, and those activities, programs and events presented by organizations registered with the Community Center.

## Memberships:

### Household Membership

#### Bedford Heights

Yearly membership	\$100
Six month membership	\$60
Extra fee per member over 4 years of age	\$15

#### Bedford School District Residents

Yearly membership	\$350
Six month membership	\$210
Extra fee per member over 4 years of age	\$20

### Individual – Single Resident age 18 and over

Yearly membership	\$75	Yearly membership	\$275
Six month membership	\$45	Six month membership	\$150

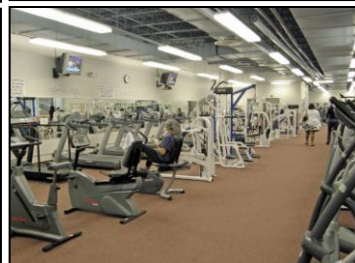
### Senior/Disabled – Senior age 60 and over

Disabled eligibility must have proof of permanent disability

Yearly membership	\$15	Yearly membership	\$115
		Six month membership	\$80

### Student – Children age 10 to 18 (and in high school) years of age

Yearly membership	\$50	Yearly membership	\$125
Six month membership	\$30	Six month membership	\$85





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## COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD NUMBER, STREETS & EMERGENCY/NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Philip D. Saunders (At-Large, Council President)	6730 Basswood Dr	(440) 439-6185
Lloyd Anderson (Ward 1)	25300 Rockside Rd Ste 516	(216) 392-5337
Harvey L. Brown (Ward 2, Council VP)	23888 Kennedy Dr	(440) 232-8910
Alton A. Tinker (Ward 3)	5951 Sunset Dr	(440) 439-2548
Kay Gary (Ward 4)	6703 Balsam Dr	(440) 232-0583
Michael W. Moore (At-Large)	6173 Eldridge Blvd	(440) 439-5081
Wendy Grant (At-Large)	5892 Sweet Birch	(440) 232-8108

*City Council meetings are 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Council is in recess in the month of August*



Lloyd Anderson  
(216) 392-5337



Harvey Brown  
(440) 232-8910



Alton Tinker  
(440) 439-2548



Kay Gary  
(440) 232-0583

### **Ward 1**

Aurora Rd  
Bartlett Rd  
Bedford St  
Bluestone Ln  
Cannon Rd  
Carlton Rd  
Columbia Dr  
Columbus Rd  
Daniel Dr  
Erie St  
Fargo Ave  
Juniper Ct  
Kenmore Ln  
Lori Dr  
Meadow Ln  
Majestic Pkwy  
Michelle Dr  
Miles Rd SE  
Omega Rd  
Perkins Rd  
Picone Ln  
Price Rd  
Richmond Rd  
Rockside Rd  
Sycamore Dr  
Vickie Ln  
Wickley Ln

### **Ward 2**

Aurora Rd NE  
Bartlett Rd S  
Campton Ct  
Cannon Rd SW  
Comstock Rd  
Corbin Dr  
Cranfield Rd  
David Dr  
Fairtree Rd  
Fenlake  
Gary Ave  
Grimes Rd\*  
Hist Rd  
Holly Dr  
Kane Rd\*  
Kennedy Dr  
Libby Rd  
Lincoln Dr  
Louis Dr  
Marberry Commons  
Mardale Rd  
Millbrook Rd  
Northfield Rd  
Norton Rd  
Rankin Rd  
Rockside Rd  
Sandalwood Rd  
Taylor Rd  
Washburne Dr  
Westlawn Dr

### **Ward 3**

Bear Creek Condos  
Cambridge Dr  
Columbus Rd DE  
Easy St  
Forest Ridge Dr  
Holiday Hills Ct  
Kimberly Dr  
Lehman Dr  
Marra Dr  
Randy Rd  
Robina Dr  
Ronan Rd  
Scarlet Oak Dr  
South Perkins Ct  
South Perkins Rd  
Staghorn Dr  
Stonehaven Ln  
Sunset Dr  
Sweet Birch Dr  
White Pine Dr

### **Ward 4**

Balsam Dr  
Basswood Dr  
Buckthorn Rd  
Deer Ct  
Eaton Ct  
Eldridge Blvd  
Forbes Rd  
Harrow Ct  
Hedgeline Rd  
Laing Rd  
Mark Dr  
Oxford Ct  
Pau Pau Ct  
Randolph Rd  
Ridgeline Dr  
Ridgeway Rd  
Rugby Ct  
Sandhurst Rd  
Sherborne Rd  
Solon Rd  
Strathallan Dr  
Tamarind Rd  
Tonbridge Ct  
Tupelo Dr  
Uppingham Rd  
Woodline Dr

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## BEDFORD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

475 Northfield Road • Bedford OH 44146-2201 • 440-439-4777

The Bedford City Schools District serves more than 33,000 individuals in Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood and Walton Hills. Within the 22-square mile district are seven schools. These include two primary schools, two intermediate schools, one upper intermediate school, one middle school and one high school. Our schools are:

Bedford High School (grades 9-12)

481 Northfield Road  
Bedford OH 44146  
(440) 439-4848



**Samuel Vawters, Principal**

Columbus Intermediate School (grades 4-6)

23600 Columbus Road  
Bedford Heights OH 44146  
(440) 786-3322



**Kimberly Sterlekar, Principal**

Carylwood Intermediate School (grades 4-6)

1387 Caryl Drive  
Bedford, OH 44146  
(440) 439-4509



**Paul Ward, Principal**

Glendale Primary School (grades preschool – 2)

400 West Glendale Avenue  
Bedford OH 44146  
(440) 439-4227



**Nora Beach, Principal**

Central Primary School (grades K-3)

799 Washington Street  
Bedford, OH 44146  
(440) 439-4225



**Monique Winston, Principal**

Heskett Middle School (grades 7-8)

5771 Perkins Road  
Bedford Heights OH 44146  
(440) 439-4450



**Virginia Golden, Principal**

Sherman Miczsak, Superintendent of Schools  
Linda O'Neill Asst. Superintendent of Schools  
Richard Dillman, Director of Pupil Services  
Beth Russell, Communications Coordinator  
Lea Travis, Director of Elementary Education



(440) 439-4777  
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(440) 439-4520  
(440) 439-4777

Bedford City Schools have a “sister-school” arrangement at the elementary grades. Students who attend Glendale Primary School are promoted to Carylwood Intermediate School. Those who attend Central Primary School are promoted to Columbus Intermediate School. This arrangement allows for continuity in helping children develop basic skills and healthy, sustaining school relationships with peers in a challenging academic environment.

## BEDFORD CITY SCHOOLS BOARD MEMBERS



Tim Tench  
President



Phil Stevens  
Vice President



Barbara Patterson  
Board Member



MerryAnne Hilty  
Board Member



Debora Kozak  
Board Member

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## PROPER RECYCLING TECHNIQUES

**CARDBOARD** – (tied or brown bag) Clean corrugated cardboard boxes. Flatten all boxes and tie or place in brown bags. *UNACCEPTABLE* – *Pieces larger than 3'x3', pizza boxes. No plastic or glazed cardboard as found on frozen food or cereal boxes.*

**FURNITURE, CARPETING, MATTRESSES** – Any furniture or mattresses can be placed at curb with trash. Carpeting must be cut into rolls no longer than 4 feet.

**GLASS** – Only clear, green and brown bottles and jars. Rinse all items. Remove caps and rings. No need to remove labels. *UNACCEPTABLE* – *Caps on containers, window panes, ceramic, mirrors, drinking glasses, light bulbs.*

**METAL** – Rinsed aluminum, bi-metal and steel cans from foods and beverages. *UNACCEPTABLE* – *Aerosol cans or any hazardous waste containers.*

**NEWSPAPER** – (in brown paper bag) Newspapers in paper bags, or tie or bundle. Do not put in plastic bags. *UNACCEPTABLE* – *Phone books, junk mail and any other waste paper products.*

## HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE

If any of the following Holidays occur on a weekday prior to or on your collection day, service will be delayed 1 day: **New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.**

**PLASTIC BOTTLES** – Plastics are identified by numbers one through seven. Here's some common products you'll find of each type: **#1 PET** (Polyethylene terephthalate)\*: soda bottles, oven-ready meal trays and water bottles; **#2 HDPE** (High-density polyethylene)\*: milk bottles, detergent bottles and grocery/trash/retail bags; **#3 PVC** (Polyvinyl chloride): plastic food wrap, loose-leaf binders and plastic pipes; **#4 LDPE** (Low-density polyethylene): dry cleaning bags, produce bags and squeezable bottles; **#5 PP** (Polypropylene): medicine bottles, aerosol caps, drinking straws and food containers (such as yogurt, ketchup bottles and sour cream/butter/hummus tubs); **#6 PS** (Polystyrene): compact disc jackets, packaging Styrofoam peanuts and plastic tableware; **#7 Other**: reusable water bottles, certain kinds of food containers and Tupperware. Rinse all bottles. \*PET and HDPE are the most common forms of plastic, so they are the easiest types to find locations where they are accepted for recycling.

*UNACCEPTABLE* – *Caps on containers, any other plastic products, includes plastic shopping bags, other types of containers, caps or parts/items.*

**WHITE GOODS** – Washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove, air conditioner, hot water tank, etc. *UNACCEPTABLE* – *Fuel tanks, propane tanks, metal drums.*

**Please use the green 18 gallon recycling bins for all recyclable items**

For more information please call our  
Public Service Department (440) 232-8832



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## BEDFORD HEIGHTS CITY ORDINANCES

- 351.12**                    **Prohibits** parking on all city streets.
- 371.05**                    (a) Where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable, no pedestrian shall walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.
- (b) Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.
- (c) Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway, and, if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in Section 313.03 and 371.01, any pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
- (e) No person shall purposely walk, run, jog, stand on or otherwise be in or upon any public street or highway open to motor vehicle traffic other than in a safety zone, in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with the free passage of vehicular traffic, or to cause an actual or imminent hazardous condition as to any vehicle or person.
- (f) No person shall run or jog in any public street or highway open to motor vehicle traffic other than in a safety zone, unless such person is wearing reflective clothing or a reflective device. The reflective clothing or reflective device shall be worn on the person and be of sufficient size and reflective capacity to be seen at a distance of not less than 500 feet to the person's front and rear, when illuminated by two standard automobile headlights operating at the lawful lower beam setting. (Ord. 83-33. Passed 3-15-83.)
- 505.01**                    **No person being the owner of a dog**, wearing a registration or not, shall permit the dog to run at large.
- 511.06**                    **Noises Prohibited** – The unreasonable making of, or knowingly and unreasonably permitting to be made, any unreasonably loud, boisterous or unusual noise, disturbance, commotion or vibration in any boarding facility, dwelling place of business or other structure, or upon any public street, park or other place or building.
- 557.02**                    **Grass/Weeds/Underbrush cannot exceed 6”** as well as overgrown bushes/hedges/flower beds. **All grass clipping must be removed from the sidewalks and street.**
- 951.09**                    **Refuse and recyclable pick-up, should be placed on the tree-lawn for collection not earlier than 6pm on the day prior to the scheduled pick-up. Whoever violates any provision shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to one hundred fifty dollar (\$150.00).** Whenever a holiday falls on a Monday or Thursday the regular scheduled collection day shall be one day late.
- 1197.50**                    **Survey required for a permit to erect a fence** – submit a staked line survey of the property done by a surveyor registered with the State of Ohio, to the Building Department.
- 1333.01**                    **Registration** of contractor is required before starting work on your home.
- 1375.01**                    **Occupancy permit required** – no person shall move into any dwelling located within the city limits (residential or apartment) until an occupancy permit has been obtained from the Building Department.
- 1377.02**                    **Rubbish & garbage disposal** – all rubbish must be disposed of in a clean and sanitary manner; placing it in approved receptacles or in other approved rubbish disposal facilities. Rubbish and recyclable collection will occur once each week.  
Thursday’s pick-up – Residents South of Columbus Road  
Friday’s pick-up – Residents on Columbus Road and North of Columbus Road  
**All cans must be removed from tree-lawn after pick-up and kept out of view from the street**
- 1377.04**                    **General Maintenance requirements** – all dwelling structures shall be maintained in good repair and shall be capable of performing the function for which such structure was designed or intended to be used.



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## BEDFORD HEIGHTS CITY MAP

Bedford Heights is a unique community of nearly 10,751 residents located 12 miles southeast of Downtown Cleveland and 11 miles east of Hopkins International Airport. What makes us unique is our direct proximity to Interstates 271 and 480 along with the unusually large number of steel related companies, distribution, manufacturing and warehousing companies residing in this 4.5 square mile community. We have ended each year with a balanced budget, a contingency fund for emergencies and a reasonable surplus.

A few of our accomplishments in 2012 are as follows: we replaced the city's 25-year old telecommunication system with a highly advanced and more reliable voice-over IP system. This system will not only enable us improve our service to the community, it will also save us money. We upgraded Reed Park (24780 Eldridge Blvd) with a new playground area. We also completed the update of our pools and whirlpool with ADA compliant hydraulic lifts to assist our seniors and disabled in gaining safe and secure access to the water.

We continued our roadway revitalization projects, the largest being the water and sewer line replacement and roadway revitalization of Columbia Drive.

### POPULATION

Census: 2010

Population: 10,751

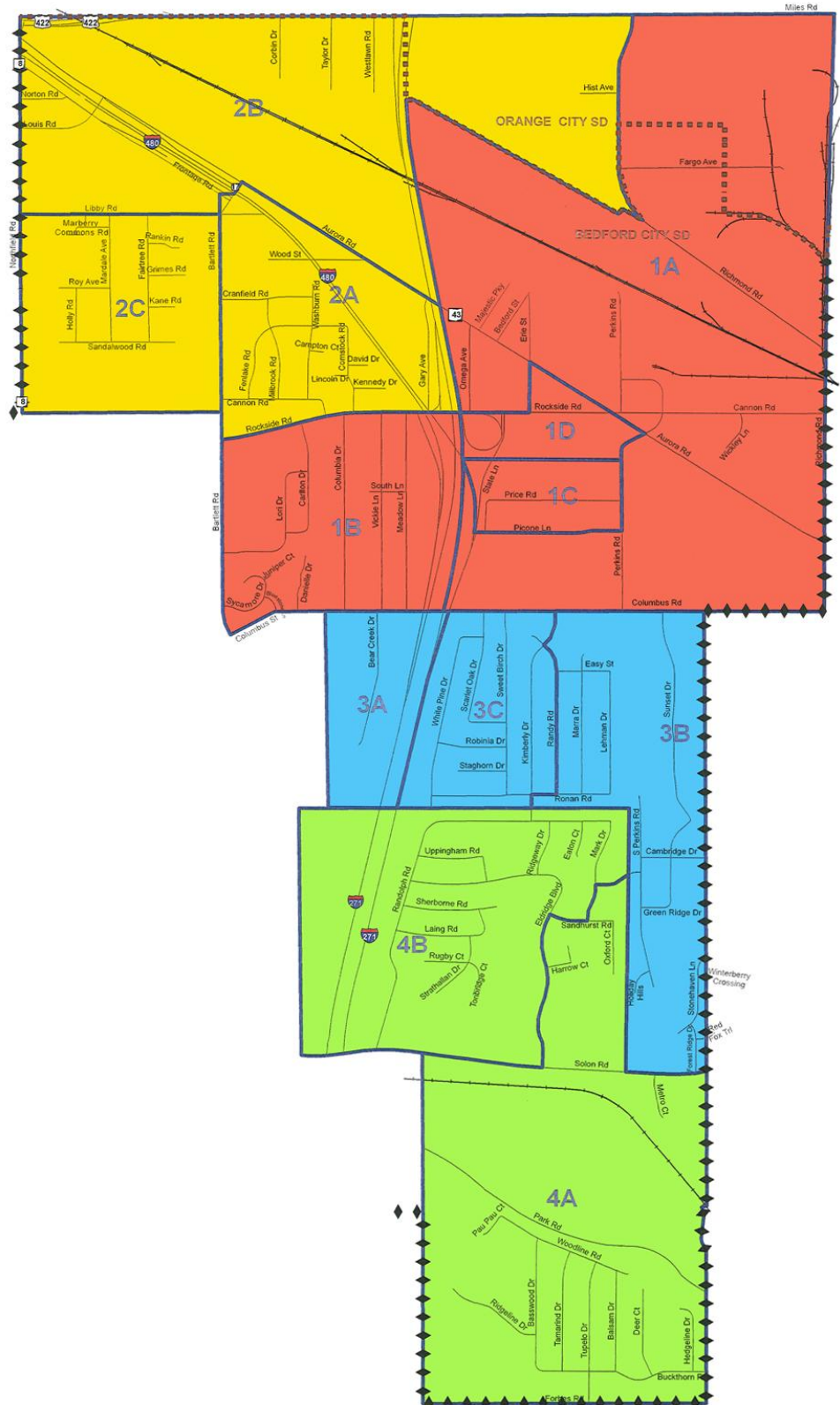
Homes: 2,703

Owner Occupied Homes: 2,378

Housing Units: 5,750

Persons per household: 2.49

Median Housing Value: \$122,600



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## BEDFORD HEIGHTS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

25401 Solon Road, Bedford Heights (440) 232-8832

Days of Operation

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Truck Loan Program (\$45.00 fee)

(440) 232-8832

*(No fee required)*

Emergency Sewer Line Back-up Program

Small Wild Life Removal Program (*Animal Warden*)

### Table and Chair Loan Program

(Deposit Required)

49 Tables

\$10.00/table

440 Chairs

\$5.00/chair

### Tool Loan Program

1 Appliance dolly	\$75.00
1 Axe	10.00
1 Belt Sander	40.00
2 Extension Ladder	75.00
2 Hedge Trimmer	25.00
3 Lawn Edgers	25.00
5 Lawn Mowers	50.00
4 Leaf Blowers	
2 – Hand held	50.00
2 – On wheels	75.00
2 Post Hole Diggers	20.00
2 Pressure Washers	80.00
4 Rotofillers	100.00
1 Sledge Hammer	10.00
5 Thatchers	100.00
1 Tile Cutter	25.00
2 Tree Trimmers	25.00
2 Wheel Barrows	25.00
4 Weed Eaters (electric)	25.00

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## SENIOR CITIZEN'S SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Bedford Heights Community Center (440) 786-3207

The City of Bedford Heights established the senior citizen/special assistance office in 1983. It was designed to assist our senior and special assistance residents by providing answers to questions in a wide variety of areas such as Social Security and Medicare, as well as making them aware of the programs and services offered by the City and County.

Senior Office is located in the Bedford Heights Community Center

Open: Monday-Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

### **Programs**

Food Basket Program for residents in need (once per month for qualified residents)

Grass cutting (*Monday's north of Columbus Road and Tuesday's south of Columbus Road*)

Home Energy Assistance Program (H.E.A.P.)

Homestead Exemption

Ohio Energy Credit Program

Responselink Program

Snow removal

### **Services**

Blood pressure screening (twice per month)

Flu shots (in the fall)

Hearing test (semi annually)

Social Worker (as need basis)

Podiatrist (quarterly)

Transportation van

### **Social Activities**

60+ Club

Arthritis class in pool

Bingo

Geri-Fit exercise class

Golf League

Movies

Senior dances

Trips

**Seniors pay \$15 for membership at the Recreation Center**